

III. REMARKS

Claims 21-25, 27-29, 30, and 33 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 21, 30, and 33 have been amended and claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, and 40 have been cancelled. The above amendments and the following remarks are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 21-25, 27-29, 32, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Specifically, the Office alleges that the regions between which "the pressure difference" refers is unclear. Claims 21 and 30 have been amended to more clearly identify the pressure difference is between between the interior portion and an exterior environment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In the Office Action, claims 21-25 and 27-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,378. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), as to claims 21-25 and 27-29, and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 120(d). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

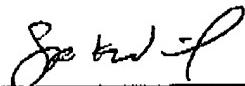
In the Office Action, claims 30, 31, 34-37, 39, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,710,845 to Wu *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,245,862 to Buckley. Claims 31, 34-37, 39, and 40 have been cancelled. Claim 30 has been amended, as described below. Accordingly, the basis for the rejection is obviated.

Claims 32 and 33 have been indicated as allowable. Claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 31 and 32, which have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant

asserts that claims 30 and 33 are allowable and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 30 and the objection to claim 33.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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